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The fact that the modern world is in the state of crisis is rarely disputed these days. Unfortunately, rising of the general consciousness of the need to make the change in the roots of the human relationships and relationships between humans and animals and humans and nature itself are not seen coming.

Exploitation of one human over another, violence and ruthlessness are constances of modern market capitalist economy, and the unbecoming and blasphemic cummulation of wealth of few member of the so-called elite, with the pauperisation and misery of the significant part of humanity is only logically consequence of such global economy.

The mindless ecological devastation is the prerequisite to what is called progress by the powerfull and the spiritually primitive. It is often that the absolutely unsustainable conditions are called sustainable development. The real sustainable development, at least from the position of holistic approach to environment, must include the ecological sensitivity and social justice.

In these times even the key organs of the unjust and unnatural social relationship admit the need and even necessity of change. They, however, want to execute this change so that the core of the unjust and unnatural relationship is kept, with only modification of and lessening of threats of direct dangers. Their moto is: „The world is to survive as it is for at least one generation, and after this those left on the Earth should think further.“ Modern market economy, unrestrained liberal capitalism make a crime with intent towards future generations.

During this summer a mutiny in London happened, cars and buildings burnt, and the scence were frightening. The rage materialised and all had looked as an inraged war scene. Innocent neighbourhood people were victims to raw raging in one of the countried considered to be most civilised. With the strongly condemnation for any sort of violence, either individual or institutional, we cannot but wonder on the causes for this.

The real, basical causes, not some superficial explanations of the eruption of savagery and rage.

The holistic approach to environment sees humanity as an inseparable whole. It is sad and inadmissible for people on one side of the world to enjoy every advantage of modern technological civilization while on the other side of the world poverty, lack of education and no prospects, even famine rule! Existing models of establishing humanism all across our planet exhibit the dumbness to the pain an suffering of the disempowered people.

Explanations, but not the excuse for the injustice and violence generated by the liberal market structure of the world economy can be found in the different levels of development of separated world regions, the structure in which the material values have the absolute dominance over the spiritual values. But there is no way to avoid the disgust towards the fact the within a city, one of the most important cities in the world, exist such big differences in the perspectives of mostly young people to achive true and complete anthropogony.

While some have what they do not need and do not use, other lack, and are aware that inside the existing structure they will never possess what is necessary for personal development and free citizen position. All this in the frame of one European metropole!

Inability of part of young people to achieve their own dignity through work and their own capabilities has transformed into the utterly undignified savagery, shameful rage that destroys without goals and purpose. The shaming rage. No a lot of spiritual depth and human empathy is needed to see the causes and realize that is is a much greater savagery to impose social frames where cocitizens are left with no perspective and homeless, to act as if they do not exist and their existence is of no concern to us.

When this savagery is removed the root of rage will be cut and our young will surely bear creativity and not destruction. The just redistribution is natural and makes for a prerequisite to prosperity, at least the civilized and anthropogenic prosperity. For the good of all and every one. Society must provide to the citizen the civilized conditions and perspectives for living, and only after this can demand, even force the citizen to civilized behaviour. It is specially important for young people.

The young who will have opportunities to develop their own talents and to live comfortably, will create a social wellbeing in which the new generations will have their own chance. This is the circle of goodness. The circle of evil it to disempower individuals which bears raging, raging bears repression of the powerful and creates burst of hatred in both directions.

The burning buildings should remind all of us who are not or not in yet in the disempowered and humiliated situations to increase the efforts so that no one is disempowered and humiliated. The Earth belongs to us all and nature give generously to everyone. We should begin to understand this.

In the beginning of 21st century we can no longer speak about the environmental protection, this is to presumptuous and arrogant, we should talk and teach of understanding the environment for if we do not try to understand our environment it will lose its patience and understanding for human frolic and it will be alas to us. Volcanoes, tsunamies, earthquakes, epidemics... There is still hope. The human relationships constitute the key part of the true understanding of the environment.

Circumcingentium intellectus.